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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the matter regarding permanent membership of India in the United Nations Security Council stands at present;

(b) the efforts made by the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) the outcome of the efforts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) − (c) The reform and expansion of the UN Security Council is considered by the Government as central to the process of United Nations reform, which has been ongoing for some years. This reform of the UN Security Council should encompass its expansion, both in permanent and non-permanent categories, as well as the improvement of its working methods. The Government continues to actively pursue this issue, including through coordination and engagement with Brazil, Germany and Japan, otherwise known as the G-4 group. India is next participating in a debate in the plenary of United Nations General Assembly on December 11, 2006 on the issue of UN Security Council reform.

The object is to keep the focus at the United Nations on this vital issue, while developing a model of UNSC reform that has wide support and acceptance. So far the progress in this direction has been satisfactory.